

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 4, 2019

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor  
Michael Dulaney  
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor (via Skype)  
James Johnson  
Samuel Lyons  
Fred Mays

Members Excused: James Marshall

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager  
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer  
Kevin Anundson, Chief of Police  
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director  
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator  
Harmony Motter, Finance Director  
Ryan Rudegeair  
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary  
Sarah Titley, Venango Newspapers, Inc.  
Aly Delp, Explore Venango

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 10**

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 11**

Mr. Lyons moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2019, as presented. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 12**

Mr. Dulaney moved to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS' INQUIRIES** - none.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS** - none.

**FIRST READING - BILL NO. 1 - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE - Resolution No. 13**

Mr. Spaid read Bill No. 1, "Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance," in its entirety, into the record. Mr. Spaid explained that this ordinance would see a section of the City re-zoned from an industrial (IN) district to a transitional residential commercial (TRC) district. This comes as a result of Venango County's request that a lot at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Chestnut Street be re-zoned to allow for the conversion of a former office building into a 4-unit apartment complex. The zone would include the area between Tenth Street and Hillside Avenue, bordered by Elm and Chestnut Streets, and between Tenth and Ninth Streets, bordered by Elm and Park Streets. Mr. Spaid noted that the zoning change would also resolve the conflict between the industrial classification and the more recent designation of the area as part of a wellhead protection zone, which prohibits any industrial uses that could contaminate the City's water supply. He also suggested the change could encourage more commercial enterprises in the area.

Mr. Dulaney moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to pass on First Reading, Bill No. 1, "Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance." Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gibbons advised that a map outlining the area and a copy of the ordinance is on display on the second floor of City Hall.

A required public hearing on the change will be held at 7 PM, Monday, March 4, prior to Council's regular meeting. Mr. Spaid indicated the required advertisements, postings, and notifications are underway.

**APPROVAL OF THE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION - Resolution No. 14**

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to approve the annual Fair Housing Resolution, *"wherein it is the policy of the City of Franklin to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry, and use of a guide or support animal."* Motion passed unanimously.

**PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 15**

Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Mays seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- April 7, 14, 28 & May 5 & 12, 2019 • Riverfront Park • "Healthy Kids Day" • United Way of Venango County
- April 21, 2019 • Riverfront Park • "Sunrise Service" • Franklin Alliance Church
- June 2, 2019 • Bandstand Park • "FHS Commencement" • Franklin Jr-Sr High School
- July 26, 2019 • Bandstand Park • "Employee Picnic" • County of Venango

Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Manager**

- Reported a proposed noise ordinance, which would exempt areas with venues offering outdoor entertainment from PA Liquor Control Board noise regulations, is forthcoming and should be ready for Council consideration at the March meeting. A required public hearing will be necessary and should be held prior to the April meeting, where the second reading would take place. If approved, it would still need to go to the Liquor Control Board for approval.
- Reported a preliminary concept plan and tentative budget has been developed for improvements at the Miller-Sibley Recreational Complex.

The plans call for:

- Demolition of the five tennis courts, the two basketball courts, and fencing around those facilities;
- Milling and repaving of the pool parking lot;
- Additional parking added to the parking area off Walnut Drive;
- New lighting throughout the complex;
- Gating off of the drive through the complex for safety purposes;
- Reconstruction of two new basketball courts and one tennis court, including new fencing;
- New play apparatus closer to the Little League field, and
- New bleachers.

The total estimate for this work is \$816,560. Therefore, the City plans to phase in the improvements starting with the demolition and rebuild of the basketball and tennis courts at an estimated cost of \$300,000±. The DCNR Grant that staff plans to apply for could cover half of the amount and they will look to other sources of funding as a match. The applications are due by April 10.

- Will need an executive session to discuss personnel.

**Solicitor** - none.

**Mayor • Appointments** - none.

**COUNCIL REPORTS****Mayor Baker**

- Reported that, due to the weather, the Unity Day service at Calvary Community Church scheduled for last month has been re-scheduled for February 10 @ 4 PM.

**Mr. Johnson**

- Invited Council to attend the February 19 meeting for the new proposed Bridge House homeless shelter in Oil City. The meeting will be held at 4:30 PM and he would appreciate any and all support of this project.

**Mr. Dulaney** - none.

**Mrs. Fletcher** - none.

**Mr. Lyons** - none.

**Mr. Mays** - none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 16**

Mr. Dulaney moved to enter into executive session at 7:26 PM to discuss personnel. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 7:45 PM.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary